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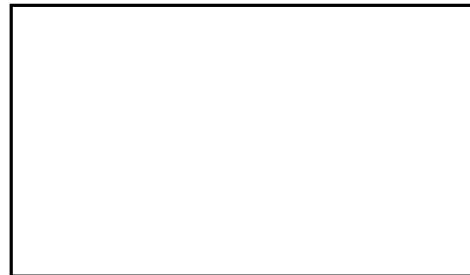
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul Walsh, ADDI

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of National War  
College Research Topic

As my individual research project for the National War College, I propose to do a biographical essay on Robert McNamara. The purpose of the essay would be to illuminate the human side of the former Secretary of Defense and to show his concern for human, social and economic problems.

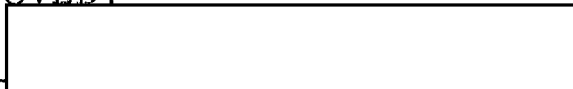
At this time I do not foresee any need or utility for using classified source materials. I would nevertheless appreciate your permitting me access to some of the DDI files covering the 1962-67 period of the Vietnam war, which I would find very useful in refreshing my memory of that period. In the actual preparation and sourcing of the essay I intend to use only published materials and perhaps some interviews with a few people who worked on McNamara's immediate staff.

You can inform me of your decision on this proposal most easily by leaving a telephone message at the NWC mail room, OX 3-8456.



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APPROVED:



Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

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